

REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction of the application to one of the following claim groups:

Claim Group I, claims 21-40, drawn to an electrical part; and

Claim Group II, claim 41, drawn to a method of manufacturing.

Applicant provisionally elects Claim Group I, claims 21-40, for examination on the merits, with traverse. The restriction requirement is traversed on the following grounds.

The Examiner indicated that Group I and Group II are related as a process of making and a product made. Referring to MPEP §806.05(f), the Examiner indicated that the inventions are distinct if (1) the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another materially different process. The Examiner contended that in the instant case, the article defined by the claims of Group I could be made by other methods than those set forth in the claims of Group II, and the Examiner hypothesized a method wherein injection molding can be manually performed. It is respectfully submitted that the example suggested by the Examiner is not different than the method set forth in the claims of Group II.

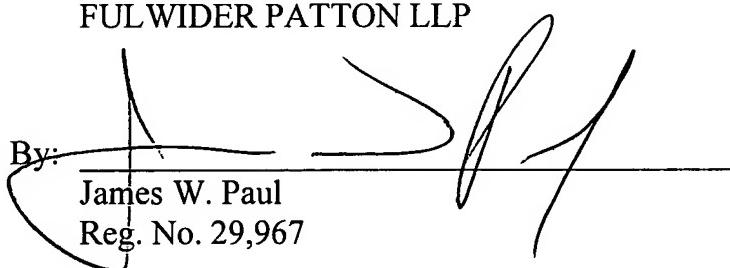
Claim 41 recites the steps of “a) forming the basic body in a form tool of an injection molding machine from a thermoplastic synthetic material which after injection solidifies to a hard synthetic material; b) placing the electrical or electronic structural

element onto the hard basic body; c) placing the basic body with the structural element in place into another form tool of the injection molding machine; and d) molding a second thermoplastic synthetic material there onto...." It is respectfully submitted that Claim 41 does not require that injection molding not be manually performed, and that an injection molding machine can be operated manually. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing remarks, an early favorable consideration of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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